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July/August 2000 Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department



Firefighter Edward L. Payne (Station 25, C-Shift) flows a master stream at the five-alarm fire at 2380 Rolling Park Circle in Herndon.



Edward L. Stinnette

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From The Fire Chief . . .

I want to begin this article by thanking all of the people involved with the evaluation, purchase, and now the transition to our new breathing apparatus. Because of a number of very dedicated people, we are taking a huge leap forward for firefighter safety, and doing it in record time. As most of you know, integrated PASS devices have been a priority of mine since assuming office. I'm very exciting about this change. This was a crucial step as we continue to focus on firefighter health and safety. Again, thanks for your commitment and dedication to our organization.

During station visits I often hear recommendations for additional training in a multitude of areas. Many times I think, "what a good idea," and then turn to staff and wonder why we are unable to provide this training. After a quick reality check, I have realized there are not enough hours in a day or a year to accomplish all mandated and essential training while we still continue to centralize all of our training.

Our training staff is currently running two recruit schools, facilitating EMT refreshers and ALS continuing education, OARS training, an Officer Candidate school, CPR and AED recertification, Haz Mat and TROT refreshers, and truck and squad schools, just to name some. Then consider the need for continued training in many of our basic skills to ensure that when we answer a call for help that we do the best job possible. Looking at the big picture, it becomes clear that time and the centralized approach to our training becomes an obstacle.

I don't see future demands decreasing. In fact, there are voids

that we must address next year to maintain our high level of readiness. One of our needs is formalized training for our shift commanders (Captain I). We currently provide training for newly promoted officers, Captain IIs and Battalion Chiefs, and Deputies do quarterly training, but we have failed to provide continuing education for shift commanders. We will address this issue in the coming months.

As suggestions are received from station visits, they will be evaluated, and if the need exists, they will be included in the training plan. However, this will take time, as we are trying to prepare the training plan at least a year in advance. If we are to continue to meet our ever increasing demands, we will need to do a better job of forecasting and preparing a one-to-three year training plan. Additionally, we are going to look for opportunities to decentralize some of our training.

Regardless of the planning we do, we must remain flexible and be able to react to urgent and unforeseen demands. The next few months will challenge our ability to react as we attempt to train and transition to new SCBA, 800 megahertz radios, and do the work performance test. Please be patient and understanding as we move through this ambitious schedule. All three items are of the highest priority and with your help we will get through this demanding period.

I have shared with you the busy world of training that sometimes causes us to be a little slower in addressing some of your other concerns as quickly as you may want. As we work through this challenge, don't be discouraged, and keep those ideas coming. ♦

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From The Editor . . .



On August 8, 2000, we had the unique opportunity to host a crew from the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather. They wanted to do a story on swift water rescue training that included training at the lowest level—specifically the local fire and rescue department level. They were also scheduled to meet with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) later that day to get comments from them. We felt good that CBS News would select us as “the” fire department model. Jim Axelrod, the reporter, a producer, a cameraman, and a soundman made up the CBS team.

Their plan was to capture how we trained recruits on the basics of swift water rescue. The recruits had a day of pool training at one of the local recreation centers the day prior. We started out at the Great Falls Fire and Rescue Station at 9 a.m.—film crew, the 101st recruit school, and support staff. Technician George Lewis, the crew from A-shift, and Lieutenant Jerome Williams were the primary trainers.

It turned out to be an outstanding day from all

perspectives. The training was top-notch, the recruits were enthusiastic and motivated, and the media saw and captured a great story.

I haven’t seen the final edited version of what was captured that day; however, I can tell you that we were represented by the finest group of firefighters around. Veterans and recruits alike trained and instructed in a way that when we all left, late that afternoon, there was absolutely no doubt what the learning objectives were and that all training standards were either met or exceeded. In my opinion, the media was truly impressed with our professionalism and realistic training.

I just hope the piece runs soon so that you can judge for yourselves. This kind of opportunity continues to show the value and service we provide to the community and to our citizens.

I can’t wait to float down the mighty Potomac with the 102nd recruit class—I just hope next time it’s moving as fast as this time. ♦

Upcoming Events

September

- 1 Annual Pump Testing
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Captain II Graling
(703) 803-3850
- 5 PPE Cleaning Schedule C-Shift
Stations 31, 34, 23, 27, & 24
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728
- 5, 7, CPR/AED Instructor Certification
& 9 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Contact: Captain II Rosenberg
(703) 803-3844
- 7 Fire Chief Station Visit, Academy
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388
- 9, 10 Volunteer NHTSA Child Passenger
Safety Class, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963
- 12 NHTSA Child Passenger
Safety Class
7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963
- Volunteer NHTSA Child Passenger
Safety Class
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963
- 13 NHTSA Child Passenger
Safety Class
7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963
- 14 Volunteer NHTSA Child Passenger
Safety Class
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963

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more than you promised.**

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Five Alarm Herndon Apartment Fire

By Deputy Chief Carl A. Maurice
Fire Prevention, Headquarters

At about 4:17 a.m. on June 4, 2000, units from the first battalion were dispatched to an apartment fire at 2380 Rolling Park Circle, Woodland Park Apartments, Herndon. As units marked enroute to the call, it quickly became apparent by the glow in the sky that this would be a sizeable working fire.

When Engine 404 marked on the scene at 4:23 a.m., Captain II Scott Cullers reported that he had one apartment building under construction fully involved and one other building partially involved. This was quickly followed up with a report that about 100 apartment units were on fire in two buildings which were part of an apartment complex that consisted of several wood frame (type 5-A) apartment buildings, numerous construction trailers, and several one-story parking garages.

The involved buildings were laid out in a square surrounding an open courtyard. The buildings on the east and north side were involved in fire with the other two buildings severely threatened by radiant heat. Two more apartment buildings were located just south and southwest of the threatened buildings. The building to the southwest was occupied, the other structure was unoccupied.

All of the apartment buildings were type 5-A construction, four-stories high, and were constructed of lightweight wood framing and other lightweight materials. Each apartment

building was about 450 feet long and 60 feet deep. The parking garages were also type 5-A construction, but were only one-story.

Thirty-eight seconds after marking on the scene, Engine 404 requested a second alarm. Unfortunately, the companies that would have normally been dispatched for the second alarm had been sent to a reported house fire on Parcher Avenue in Herndon. This resulted in the use of what would have normally been the third alarm

assignment as the second alarm. When units arrived on Parcher Avenue they quickly realized that it was the same incident as the original fire and released all units.

When Battalion 1 with Captain II Steve Edwards riding as the acting battalion chief, arrived on scene at 4:25 a.m., the fire had taken a complete hold on the second building and was threatening to spread to

two other buildings under construction as well as to several occupied buildings. Faced with a rapidly spreading fire BC01 ordered the third alarm at 4:32 a.m. This resulted in the dispatch of units that were originally assigned to the Parcher Avenue call as the third alarm units.

The initial actions taken by the first alarm companies were geared towards cutting off the spread of the fire and attempting to lower the tremendous amounts of radiant heat that was emanating from the burning buildings. Engine 404 laid dual lines to a hydrant in the next block and set up their portable deluge on the south side building. Initially, Engine 415 was given the task



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of pumping this line, but Engine 434 was able to supply Engine 404 from a closer hydrant before Engine 415 charged the line.

Engine 436 and 431 located themselves between the north and west buildings in an attempt to place water on these yet uninvolved structures with their deluge guns and hand lines. Although they placed themselves and their apparatus at great risk by assuming this position, their actions were crucial in preventing the further spread of fire.

Truck 425 initially attempted to locate on the south side of the fire, but were re-directed to the north side due to the amount of radiant heat coming from the burning buildings. They then placed themselves at the intersection of the east and north buildings and placed their ladder pipe in service.

Engine 425 and Truck 436 were located on the west side near the south corner. The tower set up their platform as a water tower and Engine 425 placed a deck gun in service. Truck 430, dispatched on the second alarm, set up on the west side as well. They located nearer to the north building and also set up their platform as a water tower.

None of the initial attack efforts were directed towards the involved buildings. Each line was used to prevent the spread of the fire to surrounding buildings. Despite the efforts of these companies, the fire did spread to the other two apartment buildings under construction. However, the application of master streams to these buildings did prevent the spread of the fire beyond these structures.

When I arrived at 4:22 a.m. the first building was collapsing, but there was still a considerable amount of radiant heat coming from the involved buildings. Realizing that an occupied six-story office building on the east side was threatened by the radiant heat, I ordered the fourth alarm at 4:43 a.m. This was followed by the fifth alarm at 4:53 a.m. Units from these alarms were used to supply water for the attack. They also checked the affected, but uninvolved exposures, and bolstered the attack sectors.

The size of the incident as well as the large volume of fire present complicated command of the incident. Battalion Chief 401 initially took command of the incident from Engine 404 and set up the command post on the south side of the fire. He ordered Battalion Chief 402 to establish a remote command on the north side. Upon arriving, I assumed command and established four attack sectors to correspond to the four sides of the fire. I then assigned the equivalent of one alarm's worth of equipment to each sector.

Battalion Chief James T. Harrison (BC402), was assigned side three; Captain II Jeffery S. Cullers, side four; BC403, side two; and Captain II Steven A. Edwards (BC401), side one. Due to the large amount of radio traffic on the primary operations channel, side three was assigned a different radio frequency from the other sectors. Assistant Chief John J. Brown, Jr. assumed command from

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Upcoming Events

Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 21
8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388

NHTSA Child Passenger
Safety Class, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963

15 NHTSA Child Passenger
Safety Class, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963

16-17 Capital Soul Feast - Bull Run Park
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

17 Volunteer NHTSA Child Passenger
Safety Class, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963

18 Promotional Ceremony
9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Massey Building
Contact: Pattie Moats
(703) 246-3421

Child Seat Safety Checkpoint
Station 32, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3969

19 PPE Cleaning Schedule, B-Shift
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728

21 Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 35
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388

22 All Station Teleconference
A-Shift, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Deputy Chief David Rohr
(703) 246-3979

23 WJZW Jazz Festival, B-Shift
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Deputy Chief Coffman
(703) 246-3987

CPR/AED Instruction Certification
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Contact: Captain II Rosenberg
(703) 803-3844

WJZW Anniversary Concert
Bull Run Park, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Contact: Technician Bertone
(703) 978-9200

Hot Shots



This single vehicle crash at Braddock Road near Tapestry Drive resulted in one fatality and four injuries. A six-year-old patient (above) was medivaced to Inova Fairfax Hospital.



Fire started in the basement of this townhome at 10318 Pond Spice Terrace. The fire quickly spread to the upper floors and to the attic causing \$95,000 in damage. An unattended candle caused the fire. (Photo by Captain I Daniel V. Gray.)



A two-story brick office complex located at 5105 Backlick Road sustained \$250,000 in damages. This two-alarm fire was caused by an unattended candle.



Firefighters rescued a female from the balcony of this two-alarm townhouse fire located at 3152 Eakin Park Court in the Merrifield area. The 23-year-old female was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with minor burns to her hands.



Five Alarm Fire . . . A four-story multi-unit garden apartment complex sustained \$5 million in damage. Firefighters conducted an aggressive exterior attack and brought the fire under control in approximately one hour. The complex was under construction and is located in the Herndon area.



Captain II Rousillian (Station 18, A-Shift), Firefighter Rocco Alvaro (Station 26, A-Shift), and Firefighter Erich H. Williams (Station 23, A-Shift) kick off "Operation Candles with Care" at Quality 1/2 Price Cards, Loehmann's Plaza, Falls Church. Sammy Alshantir, store owner, reads a letter asking his participation in the candle safety campaign. Candle safety information printed on 3x5 cards have been given to merchants for distribution to consumers buying candles.

Upcoming Events

October

- 25 PPE Cleaning Schedule, A-Shift
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728
- 28 Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 11
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388
- 2 Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 38
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388
- 4 PPE Cleaning Schedule, A-Shift
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728
- 8 Clifton Days
10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 9 Officer Development School
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Academy
Contact: Captain II Graling
(703) 803-3850
- 10 PPE Cleaning Schedule, C-Shift
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728
- Officer Development School
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Academy
Contact: Captain II Graling
(703) 803-3850
- 11 Officer Development School
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Academy
Contact: Captain II Graling
(703) 803-3850
- 12 Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 10
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388
- Officer Development School
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Academy
Contact: Captain II Graling
(703) 803-3850
- 13 All Station Teleconference, B-Shift
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Contact: Deputy Chief Rohr
(703) 246-3979
- Officer Development School
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Academy
Contact: Captain II Graling
(703) 803-3850
- 14 Fire Prevention Week Open House

Fair Shots



The Public Safety display, as shown in this aerial shot, won the 1st Place Ribbon in the content category at the 2000 Fairfax Fair.



Master Technician David Ashley discusses the benefits of child safety seats with expecting parents.



Sparky greets young fair-goers at the Public Safety Display.



Assistant Chief Mark L. Wheatley subjected himself to a repeated drenching to raise money for Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC). There were numerous volunteers who helped raise over \$800 to donate to the ACBC program.



So you want to be a firefighter... this is your opportunity. Technician Bill Borger painted this backdrop giving visitors to the Public Safety Display a fun break.

Upcoming Events

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., All stations
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963

Clifton Days, Rain Date
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- 16 PPE Cleaning Schedule, B-Shift
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728

Apparatus Technician Exam
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Gino Crump
(703) 246-4857

- 17 Apparatus Technician Exam
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Gino Crump
(703) 246-4857

- 18 Apparatus Technician Exam
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Gino Crump
(703) 246-4857

- 19 Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 16
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388

Apparatus Technician Exam
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Gino Crump
(703) 246-4857

- 20 Apparatus Technician Exam
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Gino Crump
(703) 246-4857

Master Technician Exam
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Gino Crump
(703) 246-4857

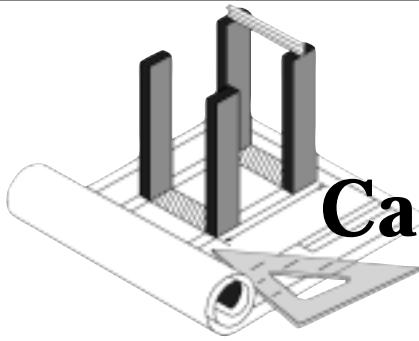
- 23 Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 30
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388

- 25 PPE Cleaning Scheduled, B-Shift
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728

- 26 Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 13
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388

- 30 NHTSA Child Seat Checkpoint
Station 38, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963





Fire and Rescue Capital Improvement Projects

Burke, Station 14 (9501 Old Burke Lake Road): Construction of a 26,000 square foot volunteer fire and rescue station and community hall began December 1999. Projected completion date is March 2001.

North Point, Station 39 (1117 Reston Avenue): Construction of a new 14,000 square foot fire and rescue station began January 2000. Projected completion date is January 2001. The station is approximately 50 percent complete.

West Springfield, Station 27 (6740 Rolling Road): Renovation of the station's interior, and the addition of a new bay and enlarged women's bunk area as part of the West Springfield Government Center Addition/Renovation project. Project construction to begin December 2000 with completion in December 2002.

Station Safety Improvements: Installation of diesel exhaust extraction systems in county stations, as well as the installation of full sprinkler systems in two stations. The project was divided into three phases, with Phase I completed, Phase II under construction, and Phase III in the design stage.

Newington Apparatus Garage (6900 Newington Road): Construction of a 19,000 square foot apparatus shop and apparatus storage facility. Projected construction date is December 2000 with completion set for August 2001.

West Ox Apparatus Garage (4620 West Ox Road): Construction of a 19,000 square foot apparatus shop and apparatus storage facility. Projected construction date to be determined.

Oakton, Station 34 (10511 Rosehaven Street): Construction of a 1,000 square foot storage room addition. Construction to begin December 2000 with completion set for May 2000.

Crosspointe Station Site (Hampton Road and Ox Road): Selection process is complete, with purchase of site currently under negotiation. A 10,000 square foot fire and rescue station will be constructed at this site.

Compiled by Edie Bietzel, Planning Section

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me and I assumed the operations duties. The command assignments remained the same for the remainder of the incident.

During the height of the operation, units were flowing about 8,000 to 10,000 gallons of water per minute onto the fire. Despite the large flows, water supply problems were minimal and only one unit reported that they were unable to sustain the flow they were attempting to pump. After two master streams were shut down on the east side of the fire this problem was fixed.

In the final analysis, it is clear that despite the spread of the fire after the arrival of the initial units this operation was extremely successful. The fire was kept out of all occupied structures, civilians or operating forces sustained no injuries, and no apparatus was damaged. A large amount of the credit for this rests with the initial operating units. While all of the forces that operated on the scene put forth tremendous effort, it was the initial positioning and actions of the units that arrived in the first ten minutes that made this operation work. ♦



The Progressive Firefighters in conjunction with the Mozambique Embassy launched a clothing, food, and water drive during the month of April. Major donations of water were donated by the Perrier Group (Deer Park) and Crystal Springs of Northern Virginia, and delivered by personnel from the Resource Management Section. Four truck loads of clothing and food were delivered to the drop-off site in Forestville, Maryland.

Upcoming Events

- 31 PPE Cleaning Scheduled, A-Shift
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728

November

- 2 Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 29
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388

- 3 All Station Teleconference
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Deputy Chief Rohr
(703) 246-3979

- 6 Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 38
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388

PPE Cleaning Scheduled, C-Shift
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728

- 15 PPE Cleaning Scheduled, C-Shift
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728

NHTSA Child Seat Checkpoint
Station 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Stone
(703) 246-3963

- 26 PPE Cleaning Scheduled, A-Shift
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Contact: Kim Klaren (703) 658-3728

- 27 Fire Chief Station Visit, Station 25
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388

Top 10 Activity Report

June/July 2000

Ambulance

Unit	Calls
A 413	454
A 409	365
A 408	349
A 410	341
A 430	311
A 414	300
A 411	297
A 434	289
A 428	283
A 436	275

Engine Company

Unit	Calls
E 429	514
E 404	489
E 413	473
E 409	472
E 410	466
E 408	464
E 411	460
E 401	446
E 422	441
*RE 425	435

Rescue Company

Unit	Calls
R 418	254
R 421	250
R 426	243
R 401	208
R 414	202
R 411	177
R 419	163

Medic

Unit	Calls
M 418	524
M 429	462
M 425	460
M 422	426
M 410	424
M 404	421
M 426	415
M 408	389
M 405	377
M 411	373

Battalion Chief's & EMS Captains

Unit	Calls
EMS 4	302
EMS 6	292
EMS 5	273
EMS 1	216
EMS 2	194
EMS 3	188
BC 05	182
BC 04	143
BC 06	136
BC 02	112

Ladder Company

Unit	Calls
T 425	302
T 429	260
T 410	208
T 422	199
T 408	189
T 401	171
T 430	171
T 436	164
T 405	154
T 411	152

*Total includes rescue and engine calls. Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call to be included in an event history file. A unit add-on is not considered a dispatch. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.



Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 05/23/00 Box: 0322 Address: 4940 Carriage Park Road Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$180,000 Loss: \$180,000 Status: Closed
Date: 05/25/00 Box: 1919 Address: 7597 Springfield Hills Drive Type: House Cause: Accidental-Children and Matches Value: \$220,000 Loss: \$60,000 Status: Closed
Date: 05/27/00 Box: 1409 Address: 6320 Buffie Court Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$255,000 Loss: \$110,000 Status: Closed
Date: 06/04/00 Box: 3602 Address: 2380 Rolling Fork Circle Type: Apartment Cause: Undetermined Value: \$5,000,000 Loss: \$5,000,000 Status: Open
Date: 06/10/00 Box: 1100 Address: 6220 Quander Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-A/C Unit Value: \$75,000 Loss: \$60,000 Status: Closed
Date: 06/14/00 Box: 2518 Address: 1841 Fountain Drive Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$750,000 Loss: \$60,000 Status: Closed
Date: 06/23/00 Box: 3006 Address: 3152 Eakin Park Court Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$341,340 Loss: \$173,835 Status: Closed
Date: 06/26/00 Box: 2400 Address: 8807 Oak Leaf Drive Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$150,000 Loss: \$60,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/01/00 Box: 4404 Address: 316 Missouri Avenue Type: House Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$170,000 Loss: \$60,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/02/00 Box: 0943 Address: 8213 Martha Street Type: House Cause: Incendiary Value: \$60,000 Loss: \$60,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/04/00 Box: 2306 Address: 4205 Pickett Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$300,000 Loss: \$75,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/05/00 Box: 3204 Address: 10318 Pond Spice Terrace Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$180,000 Loss: \$95,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/11/00 Box: 1138 Address: 3021 Furman Lane Type: Apartment Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$5,549,380 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/11/00 Box: 2219 Address: 7150 Fullerton Road Type: Commercial Cause: Undetermined Value: \$1,000,000 Loss: \$80,000 Status: Open
Date: 07/12/00 Box: 2600 Address: 9005 Backlick Road Type: Abandoned house Cause: Undetermined Value: \$147,365 Loss: \$147,365 Status: Open
Date: 07/14/00 Box: 3406 Address: 2703 Hatmark Street Type: House Cause: Accidental-Lightning Value: \$222,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/18/00 Box: 1519 Address: 14800 Thompson Road Type: Front end Loader Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$80,000 Loss: \$80,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/18/00 Box: 0528 Address: 6355 Walker Lane Type: Vehicle Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$125,000 Loss: \$125,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/26/00 Box: 3708 Address: 5105 (F) Backlick Road Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$750,000 Loss: \$250,000 Status: Closed

Arrests/Petitions

Date: 04/24/00 **Box:** 3505 **Address:** 8254 Andrews Forest Way **Type:** Playground **Narrative:** Two defendants were charged with setting an outside fire capable of spreading. Both defendants were ordered to pay \$75 each restitution.

Date: 06/10/00 **Box:** 3001 **Address:** 2855 Laura Gae Circle **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Three defendants were charged with setting an outside fire. Each defendant was ordered to attend the firestop program and ordered to complete 50 hours of community service.

Date: 06/20/00 **Box:** 2103 **Address:** 12762 Misty Creek Lane **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Three defendants were charged with setting an outside fire capable of spreading. A trial date has been set for August.

Date: 06/25/00 **Box:** 0411 **Address:** 1554 Brownsville Drive **Type:** House **Narrative:** Seven defendants were charged with setting fire capable of spreading. A trial date has been set for August.

Date: 07/07/00 **Box:** 2304 **Address:** 4304 Braeburn Drive **Type:** House **Narrative:** The defendants were charged with setting an outside fire capable of spreading. A trial date has been set for August.

Date: 07/05/00 **Box:** 1507 **Address:** 4151 Chantilly Lace Court **Type:** Commercial **Narrative:** Two defendants were charged with setting fire to a commercial structure. A trial date has been set for August.

Date: 07/20/00 **Box:** 3504 **Address:** 8301 Kings Ridge Court **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Four defendants were charged with setting an outside fire capable of spreading. Three other defendants were charged with possession of illegal fireworks. A trial date has been set for August.

Date: 07/21/00 **Box:** 2606 **Address:** 6295 Edsall Road **Type:** Commercial **Narrative:** Two defendants were charged with burning a meeting house. A trial date has been set for August.



Don't forget to mark your calendars on Saturday, November 4 (A-Shift) for the 2000 Firefighters' Fund Dinner Dance and Retirement Celebration. The celebration will be held at the Elks Lodge located at 8421 Arlington Boulevard in Falls Church. The cost is \$25 per person and proceeds benefit the Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County. Come out and enjoy the evening and support the Firefighters Fund of Fairfax County. For additional information please contact Jackie Lewis at (703) 246-3969.

Retirements

Firefighter Van J. Abbott
April 12, 1971 - July 28, 2000

Assistant Chief John J. Brown, Jr.
January 24, 1972 - July 14, 2000

Master Technician
James H. Chapman, Jr.
April 2, 1973 - July 14, 2000

Master Technician Kevin L. Feik
April 2, 1973 - June 16, 2000

Master Technician William E. Haynes
August 18, 1975 - July 14, 2000

Technician Gregory G. Howard
June 28, 1971 - July 11, 2000

Lieutenant Carl W. Miller
July 21, 1975 - July 3, 2000

Master Technician Frederick M.
Nicholson
April 2, 1973 - July 28, 2000

Captain II William F. Poole
December 26, 1973 - June 23, 2000

Technician Robert G. Ragan
August 10, 1970 - July 7, 2000

Technician Carl A. Rich
April 12, 1976 - July 28, 2000

Technician Raymond A. Rummel
January 11, 1971 - July 14, 2000

Lieutenant Michael A. Seabright
September 4, 1973 - June 30, 2000

Master Technician Paul T. Shaut
April 1, 1974 - July 27, 2000

Captain II William D. Shiff
September 3, 1974 - July 14, 2000

Captain I Joseph D. Shifflett
January 5, 1970 - July 14, 2000

Captain II William B. Snyder
April 1, 1974 - July 14, 2000

Captain II Michael J. Ward
September 8, 1975 - July 7, 2000

Anniversaries

15 Years

Yvonne M. Dabney,
Fire Data Specialist
Paula E. Ferrer,
Administrative Aide
Linda M. Polizzi,
Material Requirements Specialist

25 Years

Technician Allan B. Brockway
Lieutenant Richard L. Burton
Lieutenant Edward G. Dodson
Captain II Floyd L. Ellmore
Technician Thomas P. Feehan
Technician James L. Fisher
Captain II Michael J. Godbout
Captain I David M. Hamrick
Lieutenant Dennis G. Jacobs
Captain I David R. Ludeker
Technician Ralph L. Murray
Lieutenant Ricky D. Pray
Lieutenant Alan J. Roach
Captain I Harry E. Scott
Captain II Francis J. Teevan
Master Technician
Christopher J. Walker
Master Technician Virgil J. Weber



New Hires

Robert A. Adeleke
Gregory B. Affeldt
Mark F. Anderson
Juan C. Ayala
Steven C. Beebe
Christopher T. Bell
Roosevelt Carson, Jr.
Wayne R. Champagne
James H. Chapman
Thomas C. Christie
Diane A. Crump
Luther B. Dawson
Stefan S. Dedes
Mark A. Fernandez
William G. Franklin
Kevin J. Green
James T. Hartnett
William E. Haynes
David A. Hessler
Naftali T. Jacob
Alison S. Jaquays
Tammy L. Kennedy
Thomas A. Kidd
William J. Lamont, III
Adam P. Lieb
James Martin
Robert J. Mizer
Patricia I. Moats
John E. Moore
Marlene H. Moran
Timothy J. Pais
David C. Phillips
Scott N. Pierpoint
Erik A. Rhodes
David P. Ritchie
David P. Saunders
Timothy D. Schwarting
Stephanie E. Seeley
Ronald W. Sheffield
Chad W. Smith
Robert J. Sweeney
Minh L. Thai
Gary P. Thompson
Michael J. Ward
Jeffrey L. Ware
Christopher H. Williams

Taking Up



Assistant Chief
John J. Brown, Jr.

Entry Date: January 24, 1972
Retirement Date: July 14, 2000

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations 1, 2, 13, 15, 22, 25, 27, Academy, Apparatus, Fire Prevention, Support Services, Emergency Medical Services, and Operations

Likes about the Fire

Department: Excellent resources, exciting job, great folks who are committed to helping others.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The people, the challenges, the US&R deployments, and the many opportunities.

Plans for the future:

Assistant Director, Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue Services.

Words of wisdom: As Roscoe Hager once said, "You've got to know when it's time to go."

What got you interested in the fire service? A former Prince George's County volunteer.

Who or what made an

influence in your career? Ed Stinnette, Glenn Gaines, Steve Smith, Charlie Rose, and J.F. "Sonny" Scarff (Marriott Corporation).



Master Technician
James H. Chapman, Jr.

Entry Date: April 2, 1973
Retirement Date: July 14, 2000

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations 4, 14, 15, 20, 23, 28, and 30.

Likes about the Fire

Department: I like the excitement and adventure of emergency calls, not knowing what type of situation will arise next and the authority of establishing order to a chaotic situation.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The camaraderie and teamwork of a unique group of individuals.

Plans for the future: Work a little, play a little. I hope to be able to do some of the things that I was not able to do while working two jobs and raising a family.

Words of wisdom: You can't always be the best, but if you always do your best, no one can ask more of you.

What got you interested in the fire service? Job security, shift work, and the glory of being a firefighter.

Who or what made an influence in your career?

Everyone with whom I have worked has influenced my life but my career was probably influenced most by Kenny Poole, Glenn Curtis, George Sisson, and Fitzgerald. If not for Dave Brooks, I probably never would have been promoted to apparatus driver.



Lieutenant
Michael A. Seabright

Entry Date: September 4, 1973

Retirement Date: June 30, 2000

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations 8, 11, 12, 13, 17, 29, 30, and 36.

Likes about the Fire

Department: The thrill of the response and watching green bean rookies become seasoned firefighters.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: All the really great people I have had the pleasure to work with and be around. The daily abuse I get from Delbert Feaster, the fire department needs more people like Delbert!

Plans for the future: Work full-time in fire and rescue sales. Enjoy the weekends, holidays and special events with my family that I used to miss.

Words of wisdom: Watch out for yourself and each other. Be safe.

What got you interested in the fire service? Chief Gene Gray and Homer Sanders taught fire school in Winchester, Virginia, and encouraged myself and other Winchester volunteers to apply.

Who or what made an influence in your career?

Chief Gene Gray, Gene Daily, Ralph Phillips, Jim Anderson, Gary Mesaris, Ron Mastin, Ashby Thompson, Jim Beadle, and my son Jeffery getting hired by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.



Captain II
Michael J. Ward

Entry Date: September 8, 1975

Retirement Date: July 7, 2000

Assignments: Fire Cadet, Fire and Rescue Stations 12, 1, PSSC, and 3. Fire and Rescue Stations 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 18, 22, 28, 29, Academy, Operations, Fire Prevention, Relief, EMS5, and EMS Administration.

Likes about the Fire

Department: Opportunity to help others. The challenge of problem solving during an emergency.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: Our large, caring and slightly dysfunctional extended family. Driving fast through traffic.

Plans for the future:

Assistant Professor at George Washington University.

Words of wisdom: Only you can determine your destiny.

What got you interested in the fire service? Watching a 1971 greater alarm

commercial fire on Old Dominion Drive and the Skyline collapse operations. Looked like exciting work.

Who or what made an influence in your career?

Gus Connery, Dave Lincoln, Bill Spaulding, Geoff McNamara, Louis Zuccarelli, Carl Pumphrey, Warren Isman, Piggy O'Neale, and many others.



Station Profile

Clifton Fire and Rescue Station #16

Captain II
Roger D. Wilson
Station Commander

Station constructed: County took over original building on November 19, 1969. A new station was built in 1995.

Station specialty: Tanker

Square miles in first due area: 17.9

Specific hazardous/target areas: Railroad and no hydrant areas.

Total calls in 1999: 702

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, tanker, ambulance, brush truck, and boat.

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** Captain I Jerry A. Haynes, Master Technician Thomas C. Williams, Technician Thomas C. Cooke, Technician Edward T. Deskins, Technician Kat Gaines, Firefighter Michael R. Ortmann, and Firefighter Peter M. Spring. **B-Shift:** Captain I Michael B. Keys, Master Technician Paul S. Plaugher, Technician Bruce C. Culpeper, Technician Wesley L. Gallahan, Technician George V. Shepherd, Firefighter Walton B. Eamich, and Firefighter Benjamin A. Rice. **C-Shift:** Captain II Roger D. Wilson, Lieutenant Chester O. Hill, Technician Gregory G. Howard, Master Technician Mark S. Pullman, Technician Delbert L. Feaster, Technician George M. Hoff, Firefighter Larry W. Cox, and Firefighter Robert A. Helmus.

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